

BEFORE THE
MEDICAL BOARD OF CALIFORNIA
DIVISION OF MEDICAL QUALITY
DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Petition
to Terminate Probation of:

JOHN R. BLODGETT, M.D.

Petitioner.

L-62990

DECISION

The attached Proposed Decision of the Administrative Law Judge is hereby adopted by the Medical Board of California as its Decision in the above-entitled matter.

This Decision shall become effective on July 6, 1994.

IT IS SO ORDERED July 6, 1994.

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PROPOSED DECISION

This matter came on regularly for hearing before Milford A. Maron, Administrative Law Judge of the Office of Administrative Hearings on April 14, 1994, at Los Angeles, California. The Attorney General was represented by E. A. Jones, III, Deputy Attorney General. Respondent was present and represented himself. Oral and documentary evidence having been received, the matter stood submitted, and the Administrative Law Judge finds as follows:

I

Petitioner, John R. Blodgett, M.D., filed with the Board a Petition to Terminate Probation on November 17, 1993.

II

A. Petitioner was issued Physician's and Surgeon's certificate (#G-006431) on October 19, 1960.

B. Effective December 6, 1965, the certificate issued to petitioner was revoked in case no. D-883, for violations of Sections 2383, 2390 and 2391.5 of the Business and Professions Code. Said revocation was stayed for a period of five years and petitioner was placed on probation.

C. Effective August 23, 1972, petitioner's certificate was revoked in case no. D-1320, for violations of Sections 2361, 2361(e), 2391.5, 4332 and 4390 of the Business and Professions Code. Said revocation was again stayed for a period of five years and petitioner was placed on probation. Effective April 14, 1975, petitioner's petition to terminate probation was denied.

D. Effective December 8, 1976, the certificate was revoked in case no. D-1594, for violations of Sections 2360, 2361, 2361(e), 2391.5 and 4390 of the Business and Professions Code.

III

A. On or about April 21, 1980, petitioner applied for restoration of his revoked physician's and surgeon's certificate. Effective September 29, 1980, petitioner's petition for reinstatement of his certificate was granted and he was placed on probation for a period of ten years under certain terms and conditions. Effective March 11, 1982, petitioner's certificate was revoked.

B. Petitioner filed a petition for reinstatement of his revoked certificate on or about October 11, 1984. Effective April 15, 1985, his petition was granted and he was again placed on probation for ten years upon certain terms and conditions. In November, 1986 and June, 1988, the Board ordered modification of certain conditions.

IV

A. Petitioner has had a problem with alcoholism and chemical dependency in the past which was the basis of his disciplinary actions. In 1992, petitioner received treatment for alcohol and substance abuse at the Veteran's Hospital in Long Beach, California, and he has been clean and sober since that time. He remains very active in a 12-step program and successfully completed the Board's Physician Diversion Program in May of 1992.

B. Petitioner currently has a successful practice in Quartz Hill, California. In over 20 years of private practice and emergency room medicine, petitioner has never been sued for malpractice. His background has enabled him to successfully treat patients who are chemically dependent. He is the only Certified Addictionologist in his community and is also the Medical Director for the New Beginnings Out-Patient Treatment Center in Quartz Hill.

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Pursuant to the foregoing findings of fact, the Administrative Law Judge makes the following determination of issues:

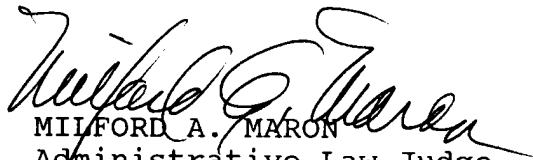
Petitioner's Petition to Terminate Probation should be granted, in that no public purpose would be adversely affected.

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WHEREFORE, THE FOLLOWING ORDER is hereby made:

The Petition to Terminate Probation of John R. Blodgett, M.D., is hereby granted.

DATED: May 3, 1994



MILFORD A. MARON
Administrative Law Judge
Office of Administrative Hearings

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